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EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED MFA NOTE DATED JANUARY 12 RESPONDING TO THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NUMBER 263 OF NOVEMBER 7, 1977 (REF). SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF NOTE (MFA'S "UNOFFICIAL" TRANSLATION WITH MINOR EMBASSY CHANGES) FOLLOWS: QUOTE: IT DOES NOT UNEQUIVOCALLY FOLLOW FROM THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 263 WHETHER THE U.S. CIVIL AVIATION BOARD WILL AGREE WITH THE PROPOSAL FOR REGISTRATION PRESENTED BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES ON 14 OCTOBER 1977, IF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE AGREES TO THE PROCEDURE PROPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED NOTE. FOR THAT REASON THE CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE CANNOT EXPRESS ITS AGREEMENT WITH THE PROPOSED PROCEDURE. THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION FURTHER WISHES TO DRAW THE EMBASSY'S ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES REGISTERED ON 14 OCTOBER WITH THE U.S. CIVIL AVIATION BOARD AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE REGISTRATION OF THE U.S. CARRIER PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS, NOT A NEW TYPE OF APEX TARIFF, BUT ONLY A DECREASE OF THE EXISTING APEX TARIFF FOR THE RELATION FROM/TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY A MERE 8 FCU (US \$9) WITHOUT ANY CHANGES

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IN THE EXISTING CONDITIONS OF THE APEX TARIFF. FOR THAT REASON THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE PROPOSED, VERY SMALL DECREASE MAY NOT SUBSTANTIALLY INFLUENCE COMPETITION IN THE STRUCTURE OF NORTH ATLANTIC PASSENGER FARES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS SUGGESTED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED

EMBASSY NOTE. ADDITIONALLY, EVENTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE PROCEDURE PROPOSED IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE MAY NOT NOW HAVE SUBSTANTIAL COMMERCIAL SIGNIFICANCE FROM A PRACTICAL POINT OF VIEW IF THE EVENTUAL CONSENT TO THE TARIFF FILING BY THE U.S. AS WELL AS THE POSSIBILITY OF UTILIZING THE ADJUSTED TARIFFS WITHIN THE FIXED PERIOD OF VALIDITY, I.E. BY 31 MARCH 1978, ARE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. IN VIEW OF WHAT HAS BEEN SAID ABOVE AND WITH REFERENCE TO THE NOTE OF THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DATED 19 DECEMBER 1977, THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION EXPRESSES DISSATISFACTION WITH THE REGISTRATION OF THE PROPOSAL FOR THE REDUCTION OF THE LEVEL OF APEX TARIFFS FOR AIR SERVICES BETWEEN THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED STATES MADE BY PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS ON 4 OCTOBER 1977. END QUOTE.  
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